## North Carolina Training Facility - 2003

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources (DFR) completed an extensive renovation of its main classroom at the Coastal Training Facility in Kinston. This renovation has allowed DFR to offer a classroom environment that is:

- Instructor-friendly
- Comfortable for both students and the public
- Conducive to learning
- Equipped with the latest technology available

Since the completion of the renovation, the use of the classroom has increased with over 1,200 people attending workshops, training, meetings, and presentations, including:



- Certified Prescribed Burner course (for the public and other agencies)
- RAWS first responders
- L-180/L280 course
- Southeast Elementary School (140 students)
- Snow Hill Head Start (Fire Prevention program for 30 students)
- Pink Hill Elementary School (Fire Prevention program 25 students)
- Green Lamp Head Start (Fire Prevention program 32 students)
- Law Enforcement & Fire Prevention training
- N.C State Forestry Fire Control & Prevention training
- Seed collection workshop

More workshops, training, meetings, and presentations are planned at all levels. This renovation has also allowed DFR to offer fire prevention lessons to elementary school students, which has created an increased demand from teachers for this information.

To date, over 40 different functions – including fire control, wildland/urban interface, forest management, and fire prevention – have been attended by public school groups, state and federal agencies, private landowners, and volunteer fire departments.

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